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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1413

Introduced by Assembly Member Wolk

February 21, 2003

An act to amend Section 102535 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to vital records.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1413, as amended, Wolk. ~~Birth certificates: processing: pending adoption~~ *Delayed registration of birth: dependent children.*

Existing law requires the Director of Health Services, as the State Registrar of Vital Statistics, among other duties, to administer the registration of births and to supervise local registrars of births and deaths in this regard. ~~Existing law prescribes requirements for the preparation and registration of certificates of live births, including certificates of birth following adoption.~~

~~This bill would declare legislative intent to enact legislation to expedite the processing of birth certificates when an adoption is pending.~~

Existing law authorizes the filing with the State Registrar of a delayed registration of birth of any person born in California whose birth is not registered.

Existing law separately provides that a child who comes within any of a series of specified descriptions is within the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, which may adjudge that person to be a dependent child of the court.

This bill would require the State Registrar to give priority to the processing of an application for delayed registration of birth for a child who has been adjudged a dependent child of, and who is subject to the jurisdiction of, the juvenile court.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~—yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
2 ~~legislation to expedite the processing of birth certificates when an~~
3 ~~adoption is pending.~~

4 *SECTION 1. Section 102535 of the Health and Safety Code is*
5 *amended to read:*

6 102535. (a) An application may be filed with the State
7 Registrar for the delayed registration of birth of any person born
8 in this state whose birth is not registered. The application may be
9 made only by the person whose birth is being registered if he or she
10 is 18 years of age or over at the time of filing the application. If the
11 person whose birth is being registered is under 18 years of age at
12 the time of filing the application, the application may be made only
13 by his or her mother, father, legal guardian, or the attending
14 physician or principal attendant at birth.

15 (b) *In processing applications for the delayed registration of*
16 *birth pursuant to this section, the State Registrar shall give priority*
17 *to an application for a child who has been adjudged a dependent*
18 *child of, and who is subject to the jurisdiction of, the juvenile court*
19 *pursuant to Section 300 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.*

